Meeting of the Marion City Council Monday, October 20, 2025, at 5:00 PM

The Marion City Council met in regular session on October 20, 2025, at 5:00 PM with Mayor Browning presiding. Council Members present were as follows: Randy Dunn, Wanda Olson, Taylor Davis, Dwight Sherer and Bobby Belt. City Employees present were as follows: Chief Bobby West, Layten Croft, Cortny Cosby, Ray O'Neal, Greg Tabor, Jeff Black, Red Howton, Tanya Byers and Legal Service Officer Bart Frazer.

Public Comments

None

General Government

A motion was made by Randy Dunn, seconded by Taylor Davis to approve the minutes and tax levy forum from the regular meeting on September 15, 2025. All present members voted yes. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Bobby Belt, seconded by Randy Dunn to approve the minutes from the Special called meeting September 17, 2025. All present members voted yes. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Dwight Sherer, seconded by Bobby Belt to approve the minutes from the special called meeting October 9, 2025. All present members voted yes. Motion carried.

Legal Service Officer Bart Frazer provided the second reading of ORDIANCE 25-16, AN ORDINACE AMENDING 90.05 KEEPING HOGS. A motion was made by Wanda Olson, seconded by Bobby Belt to approve ORDIANCE 25-16, AN ORDINACE AMENDING 90.05 KEEPING HOGS. Roll Call: Randy Dunn; yes, Wanda Olson; yes, Taylor Davis; yes, Dwight Sherer; yes, Bobby Belt; yes. All present members voted yes. Motion carried.

Legal Service Officer Bart Frazer provided the second reading of ORDINANCE 25-17, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING 37.21 ORDINANCE FINE SCHEDULE. A motion was made by Taylor Davis, seconded by Wanda Olson to approve ORDINANCE 25-17, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING 37.21 ORDINANCE FINE SCHEDULE. Roll Call: Randy Dunn; yes, Wanda Olson; yes, Taylor Davis; yes, Dwight Sherer; yes, Bobby Belt; yes. All present members voted yes. Motion carried.

Mayor Browning began a discussion about temporary alcohol licenses. Chief Bobby West stated that it would be beneficial to have an ordinance stating what can and cannot be done. Mayor Browning suggested looking at the guidelines for neighboring cities.

Mayor Browning suggested to the council the appointment of Larry Thompson to the Code Enforcement Board, replacing Kelsey Berry. A motion was made by Dwight Sherer, seconded by Taylor Davis to approve the appointment of Larry Thompson to the Code Enforcement Board, replacing Kelsey Berry. All present members voted yes. Motion carried.

Mayor Browning suggested to the council the appointment of Glenn Conger to the Tourism Board, replacing Marla Manning. A motion was made by Wanda Olson, seconded by Randy Dunn to approve the appointment of Glenn Conger to the Tourism Board, replacing Marla Manning. All present members voted yes. Motion carried.

Code Enforcement/ Planning and Zoning Officer Tanya Byers provided an update stating 14 cases have been added, 19 have been resolved. Mrs. Byers stated there were \$295.00 in citations, so far \$185.00 has been paid. Mrs. Byers stated Final orders are now available to the public on the City of Marion website. Mrs. Byers stated she was actively working on the Condemned home list, while also leaving door hangers reminding residents to properly display their numerical address to aid EMS, 911, city maintenance, etc.

Maintenance Supervisor Greg Tabor provided an update and stated 650 meters have been installed by R&S and added that mud-filled meter boxes were slowing down the process.

Other Business

Randy Dunn asked about blacktopping on Chapel Hill. Maintenance Supervisor Greg Tabor stated the blacktopping list was complete for this year, and he did not see Chapel Hill on the list.

Bobby Belt asked about the 4-way stop where the stoplight used to be and explained that trucks and semis can take the bypass on Country Club Drive. Mayor Browning stated visibility is definitely an issue here, but the last she heard it was a not going back to a stop light. Bobby Belt also stated he would like to see a crosswalk by Creekside apartments due to pedestrian traffic. Bobby Belt stated the council is down a member and asked if there were any inquiries. Mayor Browning stated someone will be appointed at the next meeting.

Mayor Browning stated that the insurance denied the claim on 805 North Weldon. Mayor Browning stated that there would be a special called meeting October 27, 2025, for a budget amendment for the \$17,000 cleanup at 805 North Weldon.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the council, Randy Dunn made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Taylor Davis. The meeting was adjourned at 5:31 PM.

MAYOR D'ANNA BROWNING

ATTEST: CORTNY COSBY, CITY CLERK